



DFIRS NEWS

Delaware Fire Incident Reporting System

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Message from the Program Manager

This issue of the DFRIS Newsletter was delayed in order to deliver training information for the New Year. DFIRS training will be provided throughout the state for all fire recorders, line officers, and other relevant administrative members. The training schedule is as follows:

New Castle

January 09, 2005 @ 7:00 p.m. – Delaware State Fire School, 2311 MacArthur Drive, New Castle, DE 19720

Tentative simultaneous teleconference to Kent & Sussex

Kent County

January 17, 2005 @ 7:00 p.m. – Delaware State Fire School, 1461 Chestnut Grove Road, Dover, DE 19904

Tentative simultaneous teleconference to New Castle & Sussex

Sussex County

January 24, 2005 @ 7:00 p.m. – Delaware State Fire School, Industrial Park Blvd, Georgetown, DE 19947

Tentative simultaneous teleconference to New Castle & Kent

Please fill out the provided pre-registration form and return to Delaware State Fire Marshal's Office, 1537 Chestnut Grove Road, Dover, DE 19904 before December 30, 2005.

Important Coding Information

Question:

How would I code a medical alert call where upon arrival the medic found the patient had accidentally hit the button?

Answer:

Code it as a good intent call (incident type 600) due to the fact there was no EMS service provided at the scene and there was nothing malicious involved.

There is still a major problem with false alarm incident reports being coded incorrectly. Please follow the below guidance when coding your false alarm incident reports.

Question:

What is the difference between all of the False Alarm coding series?

Answer:

When documenting false alarm incidents please keep in mind the following helpful tips:

Codes 711 to 715 are for malicious, mischievous false alarms. For example, if someone maliciously pulls a fire alarm box.

Codes 731 to 736 are for system or detector malfunctions and improper performance of fire alarm systems not a result of a proper system response to environmental stimuli such as smoke or high heat conditions. Commonly used codes within this category are:

731 – Sprinkler activated due to the failure or malfunction of the sprinkler system. Includes any failure of sprinkler equipment that leads to sprinkler activation with no fire present.

733 - Smoke detector activated due to a malfunction.

Codes 741 to 746 are for unintentional system/detector operation with no fire present. This includes tripping an interior device accidentally. Some commonly used codes within this category are:

741 – Sprinkler activation, no fire – unintentional Includes testing the sprinkler system without fire department notification.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award Announcements for 2005

Department	Amount	Program	Award Date
Harrington Fire Company	\$122,942	Operations and Firefighter Safety	02/04/2005
Hartly Volunteer Fire Company	\$225,000	Firefighting Vehicle	02/11/2005
Wilmington Manor Volunteer Fire Company	\$152,550	Operations and Firefighter Safety	02/18/2005
Lewes Fire Department	\$54,000	Operations and Firefighter Safety	02/25/2005
Brandywine Hundred Fire Company	\$316,026	Operations and Firefighter Safety	02/25/2005
Little Creek Volunteer Fire Company	\$130,500	Operations and Firefighter Safety	03/04/2005
Wilmington Fire Department	\$245,979	Operations and Firefighter Safety	03/04/2005
Belvedere Fire Company	\$21,060	Fire Prevention	03/04/2005
Townsend Fire Company	\$68,073	Operations and Firefighter Safety	03/11/2005
Delaware City	\$149,625	Equipment Personal Protective Equipment	8/19/2005
Wilmington Manor	\$173,534	Equipment Modify Facilities Personal Protective Equipment	9/30/2005
Holloway Terrace	\$147,212	Equipment Personal Protective Equipment	10/7/2005
Minquadales Fire Company	\$237,971	Equipment Personal Protective Equipment	10/28/2005
Marydel Volunteer Fire Company, Inc	\$192,313	Equipment Personal Protective Equipment	10/28/2005
Brandywine Hundred Fire Company	\$25,065	Training	10/28/2005
Townsend Fire Company	\$131,731	Equipment	12/9/2005

For information on the AFG Program, please see
www.firegrantsupport.com

744 – Detector activation, no fire – unintentional, a result of a proper system response to environmental stimuli such as smoke or high heat conditions (ie: cooking). Included is testing the sprinkler system without fire department notification.

Question:

What is the incident type for a pole fire?

Answer:

Incident type 112. This incident type is for fire in structures, other than in a building. Included are fires on or in piers, quays, or pilings: tunnels or underground connecting structures; bridges, trestles, or overhead elevated structures; transformers, power or utility vaults or equipment; fences and tents.

Please pass this information on to all department members recording incident information.

Notice to Grant Recipients (Grantees')

Department of Homeland Security's Program Guidance for the 2005 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, Section Grantees' Responsibilities, Subsection (8) requires all Grantees' to "...provide information, through established reporting channels, to the U.S. Fire Administration's national fire incident reporting system (NFIRS)...." In addition, "AFG program grantees from previous years will not be allowed to closeout their grants until they demonstrate that they are complying with this requirement. Failure to closeout your previous years' grants may affect the consideration of future awards."

Please make sure your department is: completing incident reports for all department runs, submitting reports to SFMO by 10th of each month, and verifying that the incident reports are of the highest quality possible.

Newsletter Distribution Policy

In order to use our agency resources in the wisest manner possible, the DFIRS Newsletter will be published on a quarterly basis using electronic means of dissemination. If for some reason you have not received the DFIRS Newsletter one month after the close of the quarter, please contact our agency.

For more information regarding the Delaware Fire Incident Reporting System (DFIRS), please contact Crystal Beach at 302-739-5665 or crystal.beach@state.de.us

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